

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Line-Item Veto Conference Report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2907–S3036

Measures Introduced: Two bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1646–1647, S. Res. 233–235, and S. Con. Res. 49. **Pages S3018–19**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 699, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics for seven years, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 104–244)

S. 1224, to amend subchapter IV of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code, relating to alternative means of dispute resolution in the administrative process, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–245)

Special Report entitled "Capability of the United States to Monitor Compliance with the Start II Treaty". (S. Rept. No. 104–246)

S. Con. Res. 42, concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community. **Page S3017**

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 49, providing for certain corrections to be made in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 2854) to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs. **Page S2995**

Honoring Former Senator Muskie: Senate agreed to S. Res. 234, relative to the death of Edmund S. Muskie. **Pages S2996–97**

Special Olympics Torch Relay: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 146, authorizing the 1996 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds. **Page S3033**

National Peace Officers' Memorial Service: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 147, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the fifteenth annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. **Page S3033**

National Roller Coaster Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 235, proclaiming the week of June 16–22, 1996, as "National Roller Coaster Week". **Page S3033**

Administration of Presidio Properties: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1296, to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on the following amendments thereto: **Pages S2907–16, S2918–24**

Pending:

Murkowski Modified Amendment No. 3564, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2907**

Dole Amendment No. 3571 (to Amendment No. 3564), to provide for the exchange of certain land and interests in land located in the Lost Creek area and other areas of the Deerlodge National Forest, Montana. **Page S2907**

Dole Amendment No. 3572 (to Amendment No. 3571), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2907**

Kennedy Amendment No. 3573, to provide for an increase in the minimum wage rate. **Page S2907**

Kerry Amendment No. 3574 (to Amendment No. 3573), in the nature of a substitute. (By a unanimous vote of 97 nays (Vote No. 52), Senate failed to table the amendment.) **Page S2907**

Dole motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions. **Page S2907**

Dole Amendment No. 3653 (to the instructions of the motion to commit), to strike the instructions and insert in lieu thereof "to report back by April 21, 1996 amendments to reform welfare and Medicaid effective one day after the effective date of the bill." **Page S2907**

Dole Amendment No. 3654 (to Amendment No. 3653), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2907**

Also, during consideration of this measure today, the Senate took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 54) three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having

voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Murkowski Modified Amendment No. 3564, listed above. **Page S2924**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, March 28, 1996, with a vote on a motion to close further debate on Kennedy Amendment No. 3573, listed above, to occur thereon.

Line-Item Veto Conference Report: By 69 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 56), Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 4, to give the President line-item veto authority with respect to appropriations, new direct spending, and limited tax benefits, after taking the following actions:

Pages S2925, S2927, S2929–95

Rejected:

Byrd motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions. (By 58 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 55), Senate tabled the motion to recommit the conference report.)

Pages S2949–78

Subsequently, the following amendments fell when the motion to recommit was tabled:

Byrd Amendment No. 3665 (to instructions in motion to recommit), in the nature of a substitute.

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Byrd Amendment No. 3666 (to Amendment No. 3665), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2952–78**

Farm Bill Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs.

Pages S2996, S2997–S3004

Senate will continue consideration of the conference report on Thursday, March 28, 1996, with a vote to occur thereon.

Foreign Relations Authorizations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal year 1996 and 1997; and to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997. **Page S3033**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the administration of the Radiation Control for Health and Safety Act for calendar year 1994; referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM–135). **Page S3012**

Transmitting the report on the Trade Agreements Program for calendar year 1995 and the Trade Policy

Agenda for calendar year 1996; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–136). **Page S3012**

Messages From the President: **Page S3012**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S3029–33**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—56) **Pages S2924, S2977–78, S2995**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator Muskie, in accordance with S. Res. 234, adjourned at 9:11 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 28, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3033.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Navy and Marine Corps programs, receiving testimony from John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy; Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 17.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kenneth H. Bacon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, Joseph J. DiNunno, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Franklin D. Kramer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and 2,700 military nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the impact of export controls on national security, receiving testimony from Mitchel B. Wallerstein, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Counter Proliferation Policy), and Theodore Prociw, Deputy Assistant to the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy), both of the Department of Defense; Gordon Oehler, Director, Non-Proliferation Center, Central Intelligence Agency; Rear Adm. Scott A. Fry, Deputy Director, Strategy Policy, J-5, Joint Staff; Col. Ellen Pawlakowski, Deputy for Counter-proliferation, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy; and Stephen B. Bryen, Delta Tech, Inc., and Henry D. Sokolski, Non-Proliferation Policy Education Center, both of Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower continued hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Department of the Navy's Submarine Development and Procurement programs, receiving testimony from John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Vice Adm. Thomas J. Lopez, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations; Vice Adm. Albert J. Baciocco, Jr., USN (Ret.), Submarine Technology Assessment Panel, Department of the Navy; Norman Polmar, Techmatics, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; Lowell Wood, Stanford University, Stanford, California; and Tony Battista, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman, and Alice M. Rivlin, of Pennsylvania, and Laurence H. Meyer, of Missouri, both to be Members, all of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, and Gaston L. Gianni, Jr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

SPECTRUM USE AND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine Federal policies with regard to the use and management of the electromagnetic radio frequency spectrum, receiving testimony from Thomas E. Wheeler, Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, Leonard S. Kolsky, Motorola, and James Gattuso, Citizens for a Sound Economy, all of Washington, D.C.; Ronald T. LeMay, Sprint Spectrum, Kansas City, Missouri; Thomas W. Hazlett, University of California, Davis, on behalf of the American Enterprise Institute; Larsh M. Johnson, CellNet Data Systems, San Carlos, California; Mark E. Crosby, Industrial Telecommunications Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Mitchell S. Rouse, Taxi Systems, Gardena, California, on behalf of the International Taxicab and Livery Association.

Hearings continue on Thursday, April 18.

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1605, to amend and extend to September 30, 2001 certain authorities of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to manage the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and S. 186, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to guarantee Hawaii access to the strategic petroleum reserve during an oil supply disruption, after receiving testimony from C. Kyle Simpson, Associate Deputy Secretary of Energy for Energy Programs.

OIL SPILL PREVENTION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee held hearings on proposals to improve the prevention of, and response to, oil spills in light of the recent North Cape spill off the coast of Rhode Island, receiving testimony from Rear Adm. James C. Card, Chief, Office of Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; Douglas K. Hall, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Daniel Sheehan, National Pollution Funds Center, and Thomas A. Allegretti, American Waterways Operators, both of Arlington, Virginia; Timothy R.E. Keeney, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Providence; George C. Blake, Maritime Overseas Corporation, and Richard H. Hobbie III, on behalf of the Water Quality Insurance Syndicate and the American Institute of Marine Underwriters, both of New York, New York; Sally Ann Lentz, Ocean Advocates, Columbia, Maryland; Barry Hartman, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Rhode Island

Lobstermen's Association, Inc.; Mark Miller, National Response Corporation, Calverton, New York; and William R. Gordon, Jr., University of Rhode Island, Kingston.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Con. Res. 42, concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community;

The nominations of Alfred C. DeCotiis, of New Jersey, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fiftieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, J. Stapleton Roy, of Pennsylvania, for personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period, Lottie Lee Shackelford, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Henry McKoy, of North Carolina, and Ernest G. Green, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation, Lawrence Neal Benedict, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde, Harold Walter Geisel, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federal and Islamic Republic of The Comoros, Aubrey Hooks, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, Robert Krueger, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, and David H. Shinn, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Ethiopia, and two Foreign Service Officer Promotion lists;

The Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Albania Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, with Annex and Protocol, signed at Washington on January 11, 1995 (Treaty Doc. 104-19);

The Treaty Between the United States of America and the Republic of Belarus Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, with Annex, Protocol, and Related Exchange of Letters, signed at Minsk on January 15, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 103-36), with a declaration;

The Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Estonia Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, with Annex, done at Washington on April 19, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 103-38);

The Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Georgia Concerning the Encouragement

and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, with Annex, signed at Washington on March 7, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 104-13);

The Treaty Between the United States of America and Jamaica Concerning the Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investment, with Annex and Protocol, signed at Washington on February 4, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 103-35);

The Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Latvia Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, with Annex and Protocol, signed at Washington on January 13, 1995 (Treaty Doc. 104-12);

The Treaty Between the United States of America and Mongolia Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, with Annex and Protocol, signed at Washington on October 6, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 104-10);

The Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, with Annex and Protocol, signed at Washington on September 26, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 104-14); and

The Treaty Between the United States of America and Ukraine Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, with Annex, and Related Exchange of Letters, done at Washington on March 4, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 103-37).

WEAPONS PROLIFERATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations resumed hearings to examine the status of United States efforts to improve nuclear material control in the Newly Independent States, receiving testimony from John F. Sopko, Deputy Chief Counsel to the Minority, and Alan Edelman, Counsel to the Minority, both of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations; G. Clay Hollister, Deputy Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Robert M. Blitzer, Chief, Domestic Terrorism/Counterterrorism Planning Section, National Security Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Defense Programs; H. Allen Holmes, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict; Morris D. Busby, former Counter Terrorism Coordinator for the United States Government and former U.S. Ambassador to Colombia; Duane C. Sewell, former Assistant Secretary of Energy; Billy Richardson, former Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense; P. Lamont Ewell, Oakland, California, on behalf of

the International Association of Fire Chiefs; and Gary Marrs, Oklahoma City Fire Department, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Eric L. Clay, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Charles N. Clevert, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Nanette K. Laughrey, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri, Donald W. Molloy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana, and Susan Oki Mollway, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Clay was introduced by Senators Abraham and Levin, Mr. Clevert was introduced by Senators Kohl and Feingold, Ms. Laughrey was introduced by Senators Bond and Ashcroft, Mr. Molloy was introduced by Senator Baucus and Representative McCarthy, and Ms. Mollway was introduced by Senators Inouye and Akaka.

FDA REFORM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee began markup of S. 1477, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices and biological products, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee resumed hearings on proposals to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for a voluntary system of spending limits and partial public financing of Senate primary and general election campaigns, to limit contributions by multicandidate political committees, and to reform the financing of Federal elections and Senate campaigns, including related measures S. 46, S. 1219, and S. 1389, receiving testimony from Jeffrey Zelkowitz, Attorney, United States Postal Service; Richard A. Barton, Direct Marketing Association, and Thomas E. Mann, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; and Michael J. Malbin, State University of New York, Albany.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, April 17.

BOSNIA/ROLE OF UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held hearings on intelligence related issues with regard to Bosnia, receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Patrick Hughes, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

Committee also resumed hearings on the roles and capabilities of the United States intelligence community, receiving testimony from Senator Moynihan; and former Senators DeConcini and Durenberger.

Also, committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3166–3179; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 155–156 were introduced.

Pages H2949–50

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 842, to provide off-budget treatment for the Highway Trust Fund, the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, and the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, amended (H. Rept. 104–499, Part I);

H. Res. 391, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3136, to provide for enactment of the Senior Citizens' Right to Work Act of 1996, the Line-Item Veto Act, and the Small Business Growth and Fair-

ness Act of 1996, and to provide for a permanent increase in the public debt limit (H. Rept. 104–500);

H. Res. 392, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3103, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, and to simplify the administration of health insurance (H. Rept. 104–501);

H. Res. 393, waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs (H. Rept. 104–502); and

H. Res. 394, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation (H. Rept. 104-503). **Page H2949**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Vucanovich to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2875**

United States-Canada Interparliamentary Group: Read a letter from Representative Manzullo wherein he resigns as leader of the House delegation to the United States-Canada Interparliamentary Group. **Page H2875**

Subsequently, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Houghton to the United States-Canada Interparliamentary Group. **Page H2875**

Library of Congress Trust Fund: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mrs. Marguerite S. Roll, from private life, to a three-year term on the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board on the part of the House. **Page H2875**

Recess: House recessed at 4:41 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Pages H2894-95**

Partial Abortion Ban Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 286 yeas to 129 nays, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 94, the House agreed to the Canady motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1833, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial birth abortions—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H2905-29**

H. Res. 389, the rule which provided for the motion to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 269 yeas to 148 nays, Roll No. 93. **Pages H2895-H2905**

Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Anniversary of Iraqi massacre of Kurds: H. Res. 379, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the eighth anniversary of the massacre of over 5,000 Kurds as a result of a gas bomb attack by the Iraqi Government (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas, Roll No. 95). This measure was debated on Tuesday; and **Pages H2929-30**

Condemnation of Iranian treatment of Baha'is: H. Con. Res. 102, concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas, Roll No. 96). This measure was debated on Tuesday. **Page H2930**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Radiation control for health: Message wherein he transmits the report of the Department of Health

and Human Services regarding the administration of the Radiation Control for Health and Safety Act of 1968 during calendar year 1994—referred to the Committee on Commerce; and **Page H2931**

Trade agreements program: Message wherein he transmits the 1996 Trade Policy Agenda and the 1996 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. **Page H2931**

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2951-65.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2904-05, H2928-29, H2929-30, and H2930. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

GOALS REVIEW—AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND EXTENSION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry held a hearing to review the goals and priority setting mechanisms of federally supported agricultural research, education, and extension. Testimony was heard from Karl Stauber, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics, USDA; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Natural Resources and Environment and on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: James Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Paul W. Johnson, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Eugene Moos, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Programs; Grant B. Buntrock, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; August Schumacher, Jr., Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service; and Christopher E. Goldthwait, General Sales Manager.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on

Attorney General. Testimony was heard from Janet Reno, Attorney General.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of Reclamation, the NRC, and on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Bruce Babbitt, Secretary; and Eluid Martinez, Commissioner of Reclamation; the following officials of the NRC: Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairman, Kenneth Rogers and Greta J. Dicus, all Commissioners; and Elizabeth Moler, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from Warren M. Christopher, Secretary of State.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on fiscal year 1997 Air Force Posture and on Air Force Acquisition Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary; Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, USAF, Chief of Staff; Arthur L. Money, Assistant Secretary, Acquisition; Lt. Gen. George K. Muellner, USAF, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary, Acquisition; and Brig. Gen. Dennis G. Haines, USAF, Director, Supply, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Federal Transit Administration and on the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority. Testimony was heard from Gordon J. Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; and Bob Polk, Acting General Manager, Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on White House Operations and on U.S. Postal Service. Testimony was heard from Frank Rdder, Director, Office of Administration, Executive

Office of the President; and Marvin Runyon, Postmaster General, U.S. Postal Service.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lazio and Brownback; the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary; and Susan Gaffney, Inspector General; and Judy England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, GAO.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Issues Related to Recent Developments in Electronic Benefits Transfer. Testimony was heard from Russell D. Morris, Commissioner, Financial Management Services, Department of the Treasury; Edward DeSeve, Comptroller, OMB; and public witnesses.

PROSPECTS FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Prospects for Economic Growth. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY: FURLOUGHS AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Energy: Furloughs and Financial Management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: L. Dow Davis, Litigation Attorney, and Deborah J. Bullock, both with the Office of the General Counsel; Anne Troy, Attorney; and Joseph F. Vivona, Chief Financial Officer; and public witnesses.

FCC REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance held a hearing on FCC Reform. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: Reed E. Hundt, Chairman; James Quello, Susan Ness, Andrew C. Barrett, and Rachelle B. Chong, all Commissioners.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL BUDGET PROCESS REFORM

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Federal

Budget Process Reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barton of Texas, Cox of California, Smith of Michigan, Crapo, Stenholm, Thornton, Castle, Royce, and Smith of Texas; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization, with emphasis on the Department of Defense Joint Requirements Oversight Council. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council, Department of Defense: Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Ronald H. Griffith, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Army; Adm. Jay J. Johnson, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Thomas S. Moorman, Jr., USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, Air Force; and Gen. Richard D. Hearney, USMC, Assistant Commandant, Marine Corps.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation held a hearing on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization, with emphasis on morale, welfare and recreation issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Fred Pang, Assistant Secretary, Force Management; Maj. Gen. Richard Beale, Jr., USA, Director, Defense Commissary Agency; Maj. Gen. A. Doug Bunker, USAF, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; Capt. Bruce R. Bennett, USN, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; Brig. Gen. James R. Joy, USMC (Ret.), Director, MWR Support Activity, USMC; Brig. Gen. John G. Meyer, USA, Commander, Army Community and Family Support Center; Brig. Gen. Patrick O. Adams, USAF, Director of Services, USAF; and RAdm. Larry R. Marsh, USN, Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Readiness and Community Support, Bureau of Naval Personnel.

OVERSIGHT—FISCAL YEAR 1997 BUDGET REQUESTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on fiscal year 1997 budget requests from Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and NOAA and on the following bills: H.R. 2909, Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Eminent Domain Prevention Act, and H.R. 2982, Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Beville and Bass; Robert Streeter, Assistant Director, Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; the following offi-

cials of the Department of Commerce: D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere; and Diana Josephson, Deputy Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA; Robert W. Correll, Assistant Director, Geosciences, NSF; and public witnesses.

HEALTH COVERAGE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT; ERISA TARGETED HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 3103, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote access to long-term care services and coverage, and to simplify the administration of health insurance. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 3160, modified by the amendment specified in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules, will be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended and against its consideration (except those arising under section 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, relating to unfunded mandates). The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage, without intervening motion except as specified. The rule provides for two hours of debate with 45 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means, 45 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Commerce, and 30 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities. The rule provides for one amendment in the nature of a substitute to be offered by the Minority Leader or his designee, specified in part 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules, which shall be in order without the intervention of any point of order (except those arising under section 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974) or a demand for a division of the question, and shall be debatable for one hour to be equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. The rule provides for one motion to recommit, which may include instructions only if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee. The rule provides that the yeas and nays are ordered on final passage and that the provisions of clause 5(c) of Rule XXI (requiring three-fifths vote on any amendment or measure containing a Federal income tax rate increase)

shall not apply to the votes on the bill, amendments thereto or conference reports thereon. Testimony was heard from Chairmen Archer, Bliley and Goodling; Representatives Hastert, Johnson of Connecticut, Roukema, Gunderson, Fawell, Shays, Schiff, Gutknecht, Bunn of Oregon, Roberts, Gibbons, Dingell, Cardin, Richardson, Pallone, Furse, Eshoo, Pelterson of Florida, Pomeroy, and Poshard.

CONTRACT WITH AMERICA ADVANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 3136, to provide for enactment of the Senior Citizens' Right to Work Act of 1996, the Line-Item Veto Act, and the Small Business Growth and Fairness Act of 1996, and to provide for a permanent increase in the public debt limit; as modified by the amendment designated in the report of the Committee on Rules on the resolution. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except section 425(a) of the Budget Act (unfunded mandate point of order). The rule orders the previous question to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means; (2) one amendment to be offered by Rep. Archer or his designee, debatable for 10 minutes; and (3) one motion to recommit which, if containing instructions may only be offered by the Minority Leader or his designee. Finally, the rule provides that if the Clerk has, before March 30, 1996, received a message from the Senate that the Senate has adopted the conference report on S. 4, the Line-Item Veto Act, then the Clerk shall delete title II (the Line-Item Veto Act) from the engrossment of the bill (unless amended), and the House shall be considered to have adopted the conference report. Testimony was heard from Chairmen Archer, Hyde, Meyers of Kansas, and Clinger; and Representatives Smith of Michigan, Blute, Quinn, Orton, and DeLauro.

CONFERENCE REPORT—FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2854, Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, and against its consideration. The rule further provides that S. Con. Res. 49 is agreed to.

CONFERENCE REPORT—PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against

the conference report to accompany H.R. 956, Product Liability Reform, and against its consideration.

PAPERWORK ELIMINATION ACT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs held a hearing on H.R. 2715, Paperwork Elimination Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; the following officials of the SBA: Jere Glover, Chief Counsel, Office of advocacy; and Monika Harrison, Associate Administrator, Office of Business Initiatives; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

UNITED STATES AVIATION RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.K. AND JAPAN

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Problems in the United States Aviation Relationship with the United Kingdom and Japan. Testimony was heard from Public witnesses.

Hearings continue April 24.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation approved for full Committee action H.R. 3159, National Transportation Safety Board Amendments of 1996.

RAIL SAFETY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on Rail Safety Oversight: High Technology Train Control Devices. Testimony was heard from Jolene Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; James Arena, Director, Office of Surface Transportation Safety, National Transportation Safety Board; Dennis Sullivan, CEO, National Rail Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK); and public witnesses.

REPLACING THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on Replacing the Federal Income Tax. Testimony was heard from Representatives Armey, Gephardt, Schaefer, Tauzin, and Chrysler, and public witnesses.

ANALYSIS/EXPLOITATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Analysis/Exploitation. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of certain veterans' organizations, after receiving testimony from James L. Brazee, Jr., Vietnam Veterans of America, Lawrence S. Moses, America Ex-Prisoners of War, and Carroll M. Fyffe, Military Order of the Purple Heart, all of Washington, D.C.; and Kenneth E. Wolford, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

AUTHORIZATION—RYAN WHITE CARE ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 641, authorizing funds for programs of the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMPREHENSIVE TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 735, to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D263)

H.R. 2036, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to make certain adjustments in the land disposal program to provide needed flexibility. Signed March 26, 1996. (P.L. 104-119)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Food Safety and Inspection Service and the

Marketing and Regulatory Programs of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, 11 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Seapower, to hold hearings on the multiyear procurement proposal for the C-17 strategic airlifter, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 1547, to limit the provision of assistance to the Government of Mexico using the exchange stabilization fund established pursuant to section 5302 of title 31, United States Code, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to resume oversight hearings on issues relating to competitive change in the electric power industry, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to resume hearings on the Convention on Chemical Weapons (Treaty Doc. 103-21), 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the role of radio in Africa, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, to resume markup of proposed legislation relating to legal immigration (incorporating provisions of S. 1394), 11 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold oversight hearings on the recent settlement and accommodation agreements concerning the Navajo and Hopi land dispute, 9 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence, closed briefing on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging, to hold hearings to examine adverse drug reactions in the elderly, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

NOTICE

For a Listing of Senate Committee Meetings Scheduled Ahead, see page E467 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Departmental Administration/Office of Chief Financial Officer, 10 a.m., and on Rural Economic and Community Development, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the Supreme Court, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Appalachian Regional Commission, 10 a.m., on TVA, 11 a.m., and, executive, on Naval Reactors, 1 p.m., and, executive, on Department of Energy Atomic Energy Defense Activities, 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs on Export-Import Bank, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and the Trade and Development Agency, 10 a.m., H-144 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Budget Overview, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on fiscal year 1997 Army Posture, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn, and on Army Acquisition Programs, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Council of Economic Advisors, 10 a.m., B-307 Rayburn, and on Overall Treasury Operations, 2 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Department of Veterans' Affairs, 9 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, to mark up the Enterprise Resource Bank Act of 1996, 1:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Implications of Taking the Transportation Trust Funds Off-Budget, 11 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, oversight hearing on Technological, Environmental, and Financial Issues Raised by Increasingly Competitive Electricity Markets, 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, to continue hearings on FCC Reform, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, hearing on reviewing the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to continue hearings on implementation of Public Law 104-8, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995, 12 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, to continue hearings on the Status of Efforts to Identify Persian Gulf War Syndrome, Part 11, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Developments in Iraq, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative law, hearing on H.R. 1802, Reorganization of the Federal Administrative Judiciary Act, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization, 9:30 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 3034, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to extend for two months the authority for promulgating regulations under the Act; H.R. 2107, Visitor Services Improvement and Outdoor Legacy Act of 1995; H.R. 1975, Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1995; H.J. Res. 70, authorizing the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity to establish a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., in the

District of Columbia or its environs; H.R. 1129, to amend the National Trails Systems Act to designate the route from Selma to Montgomery as a National Historic Trail; H.R. 1772, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex; H.R. 1836, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire property in the town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York, for inclusion in the Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 2660, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge; and H.R. 2679, to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA Posture, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3158, Pilot Small Business Technology Transfer Program Extension Act of 1996; and H.R. 2715, Paperwork Elimination Act of 1995, 11:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, executive, to consider pending business, 3 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, to consider the following: pending prospectuses; H. Con. Res. 150, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for an event sponsored by the Speciality Equipment Market Association; H. Con. Res. 153, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H.R. 3134, to designate the U.S. Courthouse under construction at 1030 Southwest 3d Avenue, Portland, OR, as the "Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse;" and H.R. 3029, to designate the United States courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse," 8:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, hearing on the Importance of Transportation Infrastructure Investments to the Nation's Future, 11:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment and the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, joint hearing on H.R. 2940, Deepwater Port Modernization Act, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on IRS Budget for Fiscal Year 1997 and the 1996 Tax Return Filing Season, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on United States-Japan Trade Relations, 2:30 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, 10:30 a.m., S-5, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Thursday, March 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2854, Farm Bill, with a vote to occur thereon, following which Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1296, relating to the administration of certain Presidio properties, with a vote on a motion to close further debate on Murkowski Modified Amendment No. 3564, in the nature of a substitute, to occur thereon.

Senate may also consider the conference report on H.R. 1561, Foreign Relations Authorizations Act, and conference report on H.R. 3019, Omnibus Appropriations.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, March 28

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 3136, Contract With America Advancement Act (closed rule, 1 hour of general debate);

Consideration of H.R. 3103, Health Coverage Availability and Affordability Act (modified closed rule, 2 hours of general debate); and

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2854, Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform (rule waiving points of order).

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